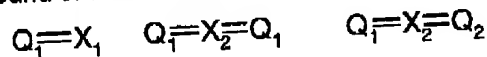


Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 by replacement as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A compound of the formula (Ia), (Ib) or (Ic)



(Ia)

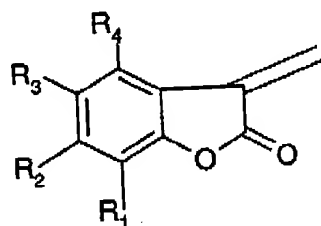
(Ib)

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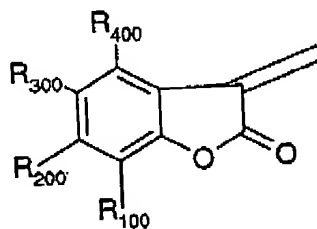
in which

$Q_1$  is a benzofuran-2-one of the formula (IIa), and

$Q_2$  is a benzofuran-2-one of the formula (IIb)



(IIa)



(IIb)

in which

$R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_{100}$ ,  $R_{200}$ ,  $R_{300}$  or  $R_{400}$  independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, ether, nitro, an amine, amide, imine, urethane, sulfonamide, ester, carboxylic acid or sulfonic acid radical or carboxylic salt, sulfonic salt or  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$ alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$ alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_{24}$ alkylthio,  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$ cycloalkoxy,  $C_5$ - $C_{12}$ cycloalkylthio,  $C_2$ - $C_{24}$ alkenyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryl,  $C_7$ - $C_{25}$ aralkyl,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ aryloxy,  $C_6$ - $C_{24}$ arylthio, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyranyl, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizynyl, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizynyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl or phenoxazinyl, O-thienyl, O-benzo[b]thienyl, O-dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, O-thianthrenyl, O-furyl, O-furfuryl, O-2H-pyranyl, O-benzofuranyl, O-isobenzofuranyl, O-benzimidazolyl, O-benzothiazolyl, O-dibenzofuranyl, O-phenoxythiyl, O-pyrrolyl, O-imidazolyl, O-pyrazolyl, O-pyridyl, O-bipyridyl, O-triazinyl, O-pyrimidinyl, O-pyrazinyl, O-pyridazinyl, O-indolizynyl, O-isoindolyl, O-indolyl, O-indazolyl, O-purinyl, O-quinolizynyl, O-quinolyl, O-isoquinolyl, O-

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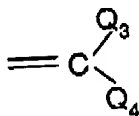
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or

$R_1$  and  $R_2$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  or  $R_{100}$  and  $R_{200}$ , or  $R_{200}$  and  $R_{300}$ ,  $R_{300}$  and  $R_{400}$ , independently of one another in each case together are divalent radicals, such as polycyclic radicals or 1,3-butadien-1,4-ylene or  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{NH}-$ , the two last radicals forming an additional fused-on 5- or 6-membered ring, and

$X_1$  is a hydrazone or imine radical, with the proviso that, if  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are hydrogen, or at least one  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  or  $R_4$  is methyl, the hydrazone radical is excluded, or, if  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  or  $R_4$  is hydrogen,  $X_1$  is not phenylimine- or 4-dimethylamine-phenylimine, or  $X_1$  is a methylene radical,



in which

$\text{Q}_3$  is a primary or secondary amine radical and  $\text{Q}_4$  is hydrogen or  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_{24}$ alkyl,

$-\text{CO}-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{24}\text{alkyl})$ ,  $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{24}\text{alkyl})$ ,  $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{24}\text{alkoxy}$ ,  $\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{24}\text{alkylthio}$ ,  $\text{C}_5-\text{C}_{12}\text{cycloalkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_5-\text{C}_{12}\text{cycloalkoxy}$ ,  $\text{C}_5-\text{C}_{12}\text{cycloalkylthio}$ ,  $\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{24}\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_6-\text{C}_{24}\text{aryl}$ ,  $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-(\text{C}_6-\text{C}_{24}\text{aryl})$ ,  $-\text{CO}-(\text{C}_6-\text{C}_{24}\text{aryl})$ ,  $\text{C}_6-\text{C}_{24}\text{aryloxy}$ , a primary or secondary amine radical,  $\text{C}_6-\text{C}_{12}\text{arylthio}$ ,  $\text{C}_7-\text{C}_{25}\text{aralkyl}$ , thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyranyl, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyl, isindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxaliny, quinazolinyl, cinnolinyl, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl,

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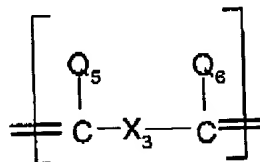
$Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  together are a lactam, quinomethylene, hydantoin, acenaphthenequinone, azlactone, pyrazolonyl, barbituric acid, isoindolinone or isoindoline radical,

with the proviso that

$Q_4$  is not hydrogen and  $Q_3$  is not a primary or secondary amine radical if  $R_3$  is hydrogen, methoxy or hydroxyl and  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are hydrogen,

and

$X_2$  is thienyl, furyl, 2H-pyranyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, triazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, morpholin, piperidyl, piperazinyl, or is



in which

$X_3$  is a single bond,  $C_6-C_{24}$ arylene, thienylene, benzo[b]thienylene, dibenzo[b,d]thienylene, thianthrenylene, furylene, furfurylene, 2H-pyranylene, benzofuranylene, isobenzofuranylene, dibenzofuranylene, phenoxythiny, pyrrolylene, imidazolylene, pyrazolylene, pyridylene, bipyridylene,

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in which

R<sub>42</sub> and R<sub>44</sub> independently of one another are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>25</sub>aralkyl or thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyran, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinylen, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinylen, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinylen, quinazolinylen, cinnolinylen, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl or phenoxazinyl,

with the proviso that if R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>100</sub>, R<sub>200</sub>, R<sub>300</sub>, R<sub>400</sub> are all tert-butyl or all hydrogen, Q<sub>5</sub> and Q<sub>6</sub> are hydrogen, X<sub>3</sub> is not 1,4-phenylene, and

Q<sub>5</sub> and Q<sub>6</sub> independently of one another are hydrogen, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>cycloalkoxy, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>cycloalkylthio, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>aryloxy, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub>arylthio, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, dibenzo[b,d]thienyl, thianthrenyl, furyl, furfuryl, 2H-pyran, benzofuranyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, phenoxythiyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, bipyridyl, triazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinylen, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolizinylen, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinylen, quinazolinylen, cinnolinylen, pteridinyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, phenanthridinyl, acridinyl, perimidinyl, phenanthrolinyl, phenazinyl, isothiazolyl, phenothiazinyl, isoxazolyl, furazanyl or phenoxazinyl O-thienyl, O-benzo[b]thienyl, O-dibenzob[b,d]thienyl, O-thianthryl, O-furyl, O-furfuryl, O-2H-pyran, O-benzofuranyl, O-

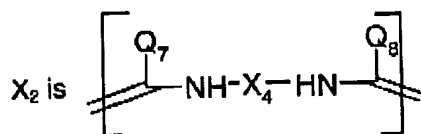
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or



in which

$Q_7$  and  $Q_8$  independently of one another are  $Q_5$  or  $Q_6$ , and

$X_4$  is  $C_6-C_{24}$ arylene,  $A_5-A_{18}$ heteroarylene, a polymethylidene or divalent polyether, polyimine, polyamine radical, or  $bi(C_6-C_{24})$ arylene, bipyridylene, bipyrrylene, piperazinedionylene, quinodimethylene, imidazolonylen, isoindolinylen, and anthraquinoylfuranoylen  $C_2-C_{24}$ alkenylene, in which  $bi(C_6-C_{24})$ arylene, bipyridylene, bipyrrylene, piperazinedionylene, quinodimethylene, imidazolonylen, isoindolinylen, and anthraquinoylfuranoylen or  $C_2-C_{24}$ alkenylene are optionally interrupted by one or more intermediate units selected from the group consisting of  $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ ,  $-\text{CH}=\text{N}-$ ,  $-\text{N}=\text{N}-$ ,  $-\text{CR}_{44}\text{R}_{42}-$ ,  $-\text{CO}-$ ,  $-\text{COO}-$ ,  $-\text{OCO}-$ ,  $-\text{NR}_{42}\text{CO}-$ ,  $-\text{CONR}_{42}-$ ,  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{S}-$ ,  $-\text{SO}-$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2-$  or  $-\text{NR}_{42}-$ ,

or

